

initiated February 11, 1971

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Our Lady of Lourdes

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ST. CHARLES PRIORY

Benet Hill

OCEANSIDE, CALIFORNIA
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PRIORY: 722-3555

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I, Bernard Joseph Langford OSB, hereby give
leave of all that I am and all that
I own, ^{in love} to the ^{Sacred Heart} ~~here~~, to be put to
His disposal alone; through the help
of His grace and the intercession of
St. Therese, patroness of my monastic life,
St. Joseph, St. Michael, St. Bernard,
and most specially my loving mother, the
Blessed Virgin, Queen of Grace and of
the Rosary. I also call on the aid
of St. Francis, ^{St. Benedict} St. Margaret Mary,
St. Francis de Sales, Padre Pio, and
Sisters Consolata Betrone and Josepha Menendez.

I promise, to the best of ^{FATIMA-078} my ability and
aided by grace, to ~~make of all~~ transform
all my thoughts and actions by the
alchemy of love, into merit for souls.

I offer back to the Lord all that
He has ^{given} or will give me; all is
formally in His hands, from this
day forth. Only love shall be
my bread, and I shall be love's victim.

I beg the witness and assistance
of all the saints and angels in this
solemn transferal, only that in all
things God may be glorified.


Brother Bernard Langford OSB

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February 24

9:31 pm

(~~February 24~~) 1971

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February 20 -

Father, dear Father:

Oh, the wonder of God
to let us assist at your Sunday
Holy Mass. — As you
walked to the altar we knew
you felt somewhat better (and
your voice.) —

And — when we see you,
even without words our hearts
are saying "hello" and at the
same time asking Our Lord and
our own Blessed Father to give
you gentle peace and great
great holiness —

Thank you again for
being just you. Devotely
Fatima

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Dear Father,

Jim Swope wrote and told me that you were in the hospital lately. So sorry to hear that, I will have the community pray for you at the conventual mass.

On the happier side, I wanted to write to inform you that I took the habit as a monk of the Order of Saint Benedict last February the third. I also took the religious name Bernard after Saint Bernard of Clairvaux, the great Trappist mystic and reformer of monasticism who had an exceptional devotion to our Blessed Mother.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for the wonderful help and spiritual direction that you have given Jim. As you know, this is a very critical period for him, being a convert of no more than a month or so, and wondering where his vocation will take him. He is still very seriously considering the monastery; if not here then probably the Claretians.

Marie Pizzato's sister Holly is quite at peace regarding Marie's happiness in heaven. She has seen Marie a number of times since her passing, sometimes dressed in blue, and sometimes in gold, but always radiant and smiling. This calls to mind the time at Garabandal that the Blessed Virgin told the Spanish authoress whose son had died that "miguel is at your side every day, this very moment he is looking on you and smiling, he is very, very happy..."

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While I'm on the subject of Garabandal, I just finished reading F. Sanchez y Ventura-Pascual's book "The Apparitions at Garabandal". It is a very factual and objective presentation of the facts and arguments on both sides, but it clearly takes a stand in favor of the apparitions and shows the fallacies in the arguments of its detractors. The book has certainly been a blessing and has left no doubt in my mind.

Lately I have been reading a lot of Saint Therese of Lisieux, her autobiography, her collected letters, and what others have written (including Pope Pius XI) about her spiritual doctrine. She performed no great works, she gave God everything, great or small, in love. That was all she did, love. And today she is the patron of the missions. Her way was difficult and self-effacing, but so simple that it touched every corner of her life. It is that vocation to unceasing love, for the salvation of souls which she so well exemplified, that I also feel called to. It is hardly a noble or honored path, but it is certainly most efficacious for souls. I feel an unusual closeness to her, and I have asked her to be the patroness of my monastic life. (I just hope she hears me!)

Please remember me to the Lord and His most loving Mother, and send me your blessing.

Waiting to see you again soon, I am

Yours in the love of Christ

Brother Bernard O.S.B.

Brother Bernard Langford, O.S.B.
St. Charles Priory
Oceanside, Calif. 92054

thursday night, march 11
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Dear Father,

I got a telephone call from Jim Swope this evening regarding the conversation he had with you last night (wednesday). He had come to the monastery for Vespers Wednesday afternoon and showed me the letter you sent him, and told me that if anything important was said he would let me know.

I was sorry to hear that he is still sick, but more than just a little excited about the news that you are opening a semi-contemplative monastery in Fatima. As soon as I heard I felt something take hold of my soul. I am overjoyed for you and Jim, and to be honest with you Father, my first reaction was that this was ~~that~~ my long awaited 'mission' on earth that I have had a premonition about. I don't think I ever told you of this, since you always spoke of my future as a Benedictine, but ever since I can remember I've had a sense of mission, of calling, to something beyond this, something ultimate, that would be shown to me later, and that in the meantime my life here as a monk was a spiritual preparation for.

That is why I was so open to the idea of becoming a Trappist (of course I still am) last year while I was at college in

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Oregon. The thought struck me that perhaps I am just unstable, and consequently would be easily attracted to another monastery. This may be true. But I am inclined to think that this readiness to go to something else should be seen in light of the fact of this premonition; that I was expecting God to show me at any time what this might be. I felt it my obligation to see whether or not this feeling I have for the Trappists is a natural thing or that final call I am awaiting.

All my premonitions may well be the devil's work, I don't know. That's where you come in, with any advice or direction you may have. All I am trying to say to you is that I feel very strongly that Fatima may be where the Lord wants me. I shall stay close to Him and open to the Spirit.

Here's an interesting sidelight that Jim might have told you already. We both know an extremely clairvoyant woman who told Jim, after he had known me only a few weeks, that regarding our mutual mission in life, she saw us walking together in some sunny foreign country, though she did not see what our God given tasks were. This struck both of us as very improbable. No more.

Please ask the Lord what He wants His servant to do. I have faith that He will show me, perhaps it is His will that I be shown through you.

in the shadow of His wings,

Brother Bernard, OSB

El Cajon, California
March 28, 1971

Dear Father Aloysius,

It was so good to hear your voice again after your long absence from LAMB and our long period of anxiety over your state of health. We thank The Dear Lord that you have been spared to us, and we continue our petitions for your complete return to full health.

Please accept the enclosed check for payment of the phone call you made to us and toward any future call you might wish to make.

Gerry and I and the children are praying hard that our Joe be guided by the Blessed Mother in making a decision that will change his life so greatly. We know that your prayers will be most efficacious, and we anxiously await the final word from the head of The Blue Army.

I didn't want to take your time on the phone to go into another facet of our possible move - if and when Joe does go to Fatima. I shall have to go into some detail lest you think that we betrayed a confidence.

About a month ago, Susan Vandegrift called to my attention a TV program about Portugal. She was quite impressed with the lack of industrialization and all the things that go with it -- air pollution, noise, etc. She said how she would love to take her family and go there, in view of the way things are going in America -- sex education being forced upon us in the San Diego Catholic schools, secular humanism and sensitivity training in the public schools, mini-skirts getting shorter daily, TV programs and movies getting filthier all the time, abortion, the heresy and upheaval within the church, and all the many signs that point to a possible take-over by the Communists in the not-so-distant future. We both agreed that a place like Portugal might be a haven from all these things and a better hope for the salvation of the souls of our children.

A week later Joe called to tell us that Jim Swope had talked with you about the possibility of going to Fatima. He said that Jim had asked you if Joe might go also, and you know the rest of that part of the story.

You can imagine my reaction, so soon after having talked about Portugal with the Vandegrifts. Even though I hadn't spoken with you as yet about keeping the matter quiet, I instinctively felt that it should not be discussed with any of our friends. However, the Vandegrifts are more than friends -- they are like family. Susan could not be nearer or dearer to me if she were my sister. And since they were already thinking about the possibility of a move to Portugal, I did not hesitate to call her about Joe's news. I can assure you, Father, that it will go no further than our two families. Susan and I agreed that for Joe's sake (even before talking with you) we must not tell even our close friends.

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April 5, 1971

Dear Father Ellacuria,

This letter is being written as a recommendation of Joseph Langford, who is applying to join your order and apostolate.

Our acquaintance started in the Spring of 1969 and during that time we have become close friends. His interest in the life of prayer and spirituality run along parallel lines to mine. When it comes to prayer and the development of his spiritual life he is a very dedicated and honest young man.

At present I am not aware of his scholastic standing but I do know that in High School he was considered as one of the top students in his class. In many long discussions with him I have found him unusually capable of comprehending even the deepest theological concepts. If you accept him his mind could be a great asset to you.

It is easy for him to make friends in that he is very personable and congenial. He is also a most understanding and concerned listener as well as being most polite.

As to the other side of his personality, he does have a tendency to procrastinate and desires and even needs prompting to finish assigned jobs both mental and physical. He is, however, aware of this and is seriously attempting to overcome any deficiency. In fact, he has already made progress in the right direction.

I am convinced that Joe can do anything he puts his mind to and having been his confessor for the past year I can assure you that, to the best of my knowledge, there is no moral, personal or religious reason why he could not make a worthy member of your order.

If I can be of any further assistance to you please feel free to call upon me.

Fraternally in Christ,

Rev. Charles Wright, O.S.B.
Rev. Charles Wright, O.S.B.

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DIVISION OF FINE ARTS AND LETTERS

March 12, 1971

To Whom it May Concern;

During the year that Brother Bernard Langford, OSB, spent as a freshman at Mount Angel Seminary, I had the pleasure of having him in two classes. In those situations he proved himself to be very dependable and an outstanding student. He possesses a wide range of knowledge and is capable of relating areas of this knowledge. His insights were often very useful to his classmates and to me as a teacher.

My association with Brother Bernard extended into the area of dramatic production. While serving as my assistant director, he showed himself to be very creative and an excellent leader of his fellow students.

Personally he is alert, friendly, very courteous, and very likable.

On the basis of my associations with Brother Bernard, I feel that he would be a great asset to any student body, and I recommend him very highly.

Yours truly,

Donald M. Kelley

Donald M. Kelley
Prof. of Communication Arts

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

In the Matter of
Gerald Joseph Lubin)
Martha Jane Lubin)
Joseph Michael Lubin)
Mary Lynne Lubin)
For Change of Name

No. 209,880

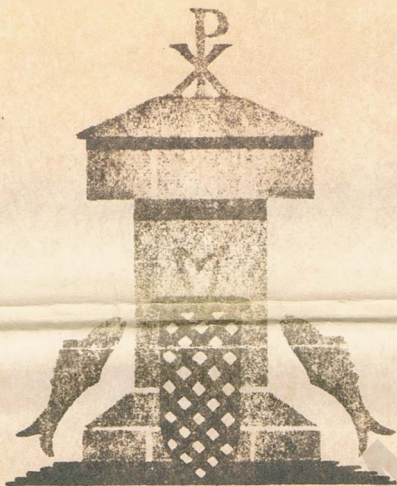
Decree Changing Name

The above entitled matter came on for hearing this day. The court having found that the provisions of Section 1277 of the Code of Civil Procedure have been complied with, no opposition having been filed to the petition and evidence having been produced on behalf of petitioner in support of his application; and

It appearing to the satisfaction of the court that all the allegations of said petition are true, and that the order prayed for should be granted.

IT IS DECREED that the name of Gerald Joseph Lubin be and it is changed to Gerald Joseph Langford; that the name of Martha Jane Lubin be and it is changed to Martha Jane Langford; that the name of Joseph Michael Lubin be and it is changed to Joseph Michael Langford; that the name of Mary Lynne Lubin be and it is changed to Mary Lynne Langford.

DATED NOV 29 1966L. N. TURRENTINE



Going therefore, teach ye all nations; baptizing
them in the name of the Father, and of the
Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Matt. 28-19

The Holy Sacrament of Baptism

This is to Certify

That Joseph Michael Langford
The Son of Bernard Joseph Langford
The Daughter of Martha Helen
and Martha Helen
born in Toledo, Ohio on June 22, 1951
CITY
was Baptized on July 15, 1951 in the Church of
St Agnes, Toledo Ohio
CITY

according to the Rite of the Roman Catholic Church

by Rev. Ignatius Kelly
Sponsors were Charles Murphy
and Virginia Murphy
as recorded in the Baptismal Register of this church.



SEAL OF CHURCH

Ignatius Kelly Pastor
Date August 22, 1957

Symbol—The fishes, or souls of the faithful, seek Baptism at
font, then enter basket, or Church.

Certificate of Confirmation



Church of

Our Lady of Grace

El Cajon, California 92020

∴ This is to Certify ∴

That Joseph Anthony Langford
(BAPTISMAL NAME) (CONFIRMATION NAME) (SURNAME)

Son }
 Daughter } of Gerald Langford
(FATHER)

and Martha Gelin
(MOTHER)

was Baptized June 25 1951

at St. Agnes Toledo, Ohio
(CHURCH) (CITY) (STATE)

received the Sacrament of Confirmation

on March 24, 1969
(MONTH) (DAY) (YEAR)

in the Church of Our Lady of Grace

at El Cajon, California
(CITY) (STATE)

in the Diocese of San Diego

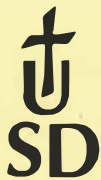
by the Most Rev. Charles F. Buddy

the Sponsor being John Pizzato

Dated June 3, 1969

Issued by

Thomas M. Stone



University of San Diego

FATIMA-091

STUDENT DESCRIPTION SUMMARY

THIS INFORMATION WILL BE HELD IN STRICT CONFIDENCE

Name of Applicant Langford (Joseph) Beaman, OSB
(Please print or type) Last First Middle
School Mt. Angel Seminary
Address of School St. Benedict Oregon
Number and Street City or Town State
Name of School Official Louis R. Geiselman Title Chairman - Div. of Fin

(1) PARTICIPATION IN DISCUSSION (SELF-INITIATED)

- ☒ always involved, often initiates discussion
☐ usually participates
☐ often participates
☐ occasionally participates
☐ seldom participates
☐ not applicable

(3) PURSUIT OF INDEPENDENT STUDY

- ☒ considerable study and major project(s)
☐ considerable study or major project(s)
☐ some study and minor project(s)
☐ some study or minor project(s)
☐ no evidence of independent study
☐ not applicable

(2) INVOLVEMENT IN CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES

- ☒ very high in all activities
☐ active, usually shows genuine interest
☐ mild, politely attentive
☐ languid, attention often wanders
☐ distracted, does other things during class
☐ vacillates greatly

(4) EVENNESS OF PERFORMANCE

- ☒ exceptionally consistent
☐ even, varies no more than one mark
☐ slightly uneven, often varies one mark
☐ uneven, often varies two marks
☐ erratic, performance fluctuates greatly

(5) CRITICAL AND QUESTIONING ATTITUDE

- ☒ often challenges
☐ sometimes challenges
☐ occasionally is skeptical
☐ sometimes probes
☐ rarely questions
☐ not applicable

(7) PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

- ☐ always accepts fully
☒ usually accepts fully
☐ partially accepts
☐ sometimes refuses
☐ often refuses

(6) DEPTH OF UNDERSTANDING

- ☒ excellent insight
☐ good understanding
☐ some insight
☐ little insight
☐ poor understanding
☐ not applicable

(8) CONSIDERATION FOR OTHERS

- ☒ always considerate of others' rights and feelings
☐ usually considerate
☐ courteous, little evidence of consideration
☐ sometimes inconsiderate
☐ often inconsiderate
☐ inadequate opportunity to observe

COMMENTS

In my fifteen years of teaching, Mr. Langford would be in my 10 top students

HEALTH

DO YOU KNOW OF ANY HEALTH FACTORS (PHYSICAL OR EMOTIONAL) OF WHICH THIS COLLEGE SHOULD BE AWARE IF THIS STUDENT MATRICULATES?
☒ NO ☐ YES (Please Explain on Separate Sheet)

RECOMMENDATION TO COLLEGE If school policy precludes any recommendation, please check here ☐

How would you rate the applicant's capacity for advanced study? Low _____ Average _____ High ☒

Date March 10, 1971 Signature Louis R. Geiselman Title Division Chairman

Since the volume of correspondence transmitted to the Office of Admissions daily is such that we are unable to acknowledge receipt of each recommendation, we wish to take this opportunity to express the gratitude of the Committee on Admissions for your kindness and cooperation in helping us to evaluate the background of the applicant.

Marriage Certificate



This is to certify that

Mr. Gerald J. Lubin
of Detroit, Michigan
and

Miss Martha J. Gelin
of Toledo, Ohio
were by me

United in Marriage

according to the Ordinance of God, and the Laws of the
State of Ohio, at St. Louis Church, Toledo
on the 4th day of May A.D. 1946.

What, therefore, God hath joined
together, let not man put asunder.

MATT. 19-6

Rev. Nicholas H. Gelin, Jr.
Officiating

Barton Charles Paulsch
Virginia Anne Murphy
Witnesses

PROBATE COURT
LUCAS COUNTY, OHIO
MARRIAGE LICENSE

No. 157512

April 20, 1971

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Dear Father,

I can't tell you how much Jim and I appreciated the opportunity of speaking with you Easter Sunday afternoon. You cleared away all my doubts and misgivings, and answered more than all my questions. (The Holy Spirit certainly works quickly, doesn't He.) I am not at all concerned over the red tape involved in procuring the property, if it's the Lord's will it will come about. For Him, that is the least problem. The Lord has guided your hands this far, and He is not about to quit now.

As Dad probably told you at the Lamb Meeting, I am completely sure and satisfied that this is the work God has been preparing me for. I recognized it as such, interiorly, the first time I heard about it.

There are a number of reasons why I would hope to take novitiate next year, rather than wait to finish studies. I am in no rush to get my education completed, to me that is of less than secondary importance. I feel that right now I am ready for novitiate, this year at the priory has been precisely for that purpose, that is, to prepare us spiritually and emotionally for the novitiate. It is also important to me that I be united to the Order as soon as is possible. I'm not going to Fatima to be a student, but to be a Claretian. I think that postponing studies a year would also give me a chance to pick up the language, so that I would be much more familiar with it when I do start school again. But my biggest reason is the one hardest to express; and that is that I feel that it is what God wants me to do, that He

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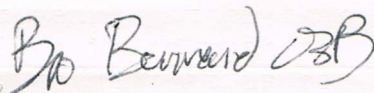
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has put this desire in my soul, and that I wont be at peace until it is realized. I hope you can understand what I have said. After living a year as a religious, I would feel like a fish out of water if I weren't able to take it up again. But whatever you decide, I will abide by.

Please keep Jim and I in your prayers, and please beg our dearest Blessed Mother to make our summer jobs profitable, as Jim is almost three thousand dollars in debt, and I owe Mt Angel eleven hundred dollars for last years tuition. Being able to go in October will depend on our being able to pay off our debts.

May God sustain you always,

your brother in His service,



Brother Bernard OSB

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FATIMA-095
PUBLIC SCHOOL S. WEEK

VISIT YOUR SCHOOLS



Langford

Rev. Aloysius Ellacuria
1119 WESTCHESTER PLACE
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

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MISIONEROS HIJOS DEL INMACULADO
CORAZÓN DE MARÍA

Merced, 3 - Tel. 1427

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Rev.P. Aloysius Ellacuría,C.M.F.

LOS ANGELES - U.S.A.

Muy amado y Rdo.Padre:

Ya ve que no le olvido. Me he enterado que V.R. ha estado enfermo.Enseguida he acudido al Sto.F Fundador ante su Sepulcro Glorioso, y también al Corazón de María,de quien es un Apóstol tan infatigable,sobre todo de la Filiación,para que le bendijeran. Y continuaré orando hasta que reciba noticias directas de V.R.

Yo sé que V.R. ama entranablemente al Sto.P.Fundador y su obra. Por este motivo sé que le gustará le comunique que el Templo está ya totalmente terminado.Ahora estamos instalando el órgano tubular,apropiado al mismo. La estatua del Santo presidirá la fachada de piedra picada. Sólo la estatua mide más de 2 metros y vale más de 200.000 pesetas. Ya he encontrado padrino. En cuanto al órgano todavía no. Vale otro tanto. Es de segunda mano; pero de calidad.

También estamos instalando el MUSEO CLARETIANO con la Celda de la Fundación de la Congregación y la que habitó el Sto.P.Fundador en el Seminario de Vich.

Todo esto requiere mucho dinero. Yo estoy acudiendo a los hijos del Congregación, que la aman de veras. Y tengo que pedir a los Hijos del Corazón de María de solera. Por desgracia son pocos los que acuden a mis demandas. Aquí en Cataluña he encontrado buena colaboración. Pero entre el TEMPLO, (que todavía no está del todo pagado) y lo demás, se necesita la ayuda de todos....

Sé que el P. Ellacuría no me puede fallar. Se ve que me quiere hacer ejercitar la paciencia. Mejor dicho, ha querido hacerme ejercitar dicha virtud. Pero ahora ha llegado el momento de escuchar benigneamente mis ardientes y agobiantes súplicas. No quedaré confundido. Deje obrar a su corazón, P. Ellacuría. Me consta, que si quiere hace milagros.

Con el afecto fraterno in C.O.M. y a su disposición para cuanto pueda servirle.

Jaime M. Pastó
Jaime M. Pastó, C.M.F.

Superior y Custodio del Sepulcro Claretiano

El Cajon, California
April 24, 1971

Dear Fr. Aloysius,

I am still speechless over your phone call. Gerry was equally moved and amazed when I told him of your magnanimous offer. And Joe was overwhelmed when I called him.

How can we thank you for such generosity toward our Brother Bernard. Just the thought of it touches us so deeply. We shall always pray that he will be in some measure worthy of your trust and affection -- and that we will be deserving of this great blessing on our son.

However, we still feel that it is too much for you to do, Father. Joe should be able to earn some of the amount this summer, and we could manage to help him with the rest. I think Joe's chief concern was that he would have no money for the Portugal trip after paying this debt. Depending on how much you feel he will need, we could make a loan for that purpose.

Once assured that you understand the situation fully, we will respect your decision and advice; and we will be forever most humbly grateful for your loving concern for our beloved son.

We shall continue to pray much for you and for him and for the success of this venture that must be so pleasing to Our Blessed Mother and her Divine Son.

I have informed Jim Swope of the possibility of work as a chef in Los Angeles as you said. He will write you about it. He was so pleased to know that you felt his ability as a cook will be an asset to the order.

With much prayer and gratitude,



Marcie Langford

P.S. Joe was ill when I called, but I am sure that he will be able to write to you very soon.

Mrs. Gerald Langford
1550 Berenda Place
El Cajon, Calif. 92020



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**MISIONEROS HIJOS DEL INMACULADO
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Superior y Custodio del Sepulcro Claretiano

May 4, 1971

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Dear Father,

The meeting Sunday was most encouraging and uplifting. Jim and I came back with spirits lifted and giving thanks to our most Blessed Mother for this gift of gifts.

You got your languages crossed when you mentioned that I know Latin. I have to tell you that it's Spanish that I have been studying these last three years, since there is no longer any Latin requirement in the Seminaries. I did take two years of Latin in high school, but that has mostly been forgotten. Perhaps this changes your mind about having me go in July?

I am enclosing my academic letters of recommendation from two of my professors at Mount Angel. I am getting a letter as well from one of the priests here at the monastery. My high school and college transcripts are likewise on the way.

It is necessary that you send my draft board a letter verifying that I am joining the Claretians. You must send this within ten days or I will be either immediately drafted, or refused a passport. The address is:

Selective Service Office
Local Board 140
3757 Park Blvd.
San Diego, Calif. 92103

When you mention me you must also mention my Selective Service No. which is; 4-140-51-2293.

By the time you get this I will have left the monastery. My address until I move in with Jim Swope is

Joseph Langford
1550 Berenda Pl.
EL Cajon, Calif. 92020

I'll be seeing you soon. God love you,

<joe

P.S. could you please bless my scapular. Thank you.
P.P.S the exact amount I owe Mt Angel Abbey is \$ 1,125

“My Dear Children in the Blessed Mother of Fatima and the Most Holy Eucharist”

A Letter By Father Aloysius



Fr. Aloysius Ellacuria, CMF

May, 1971

My Dear Children in the Blessed Mother of Fatima and the Most Holy Eucharist,

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My dear children, I congratulate you with all my heart for your loftiest vocation, at the same time to be Claretian and the chaplains of our Blessed Mother in Fatima and the soul of the Blue Army with its 20 million members. Each one of you, my dear children, aim high for your entire life, as high as you can in your love for the most Holy Eucharist and in your love for the Immaculate Heart of Mary who shows her heart surrounded with thorns.

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Hold on to your lofty vocation and your reward will be exceedingly great. Your achievements will be my own supreme achievement in life and one of my greatest consolation in heaven. Let us increase each moment our love for Saint Antony Mary Claret, for the Immaculate Heart of Our Blessed Mother and the Most Blessed Sacrament of the altar.

Praise, adoration, love and thanksgiving be every moment given to the most Holy Eucharist, surrounded by the Blessed Mother and all the angels and saints. Each one of you be a seraph of love for the Holy Eucharist, a perfect son and tireless captain of the Blue Army and most devoted royal chaplain for our Blessed Mother of Fatima, Queen of the Universe. This is your holy vocation. This is your glorious call.

Hail, Mary; virgin Mother and Queen, I consecrate myself thoroughly to thy Immaculate Heart. For the honor and glory of thy purity, charity and power, I offer thee my soul and body, my faculties and senses, all that I am, all that I have. I plead the perennial intercession of thy spiritual presence to free me from all evil and to be always open to every inspiration of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Holy Mary, Mother of God and my Mother, behold thy loving child. Now and forevermore, I place my complete confidence in thy Immaculate Heart, and I shall never be confounded. Amen.

Fr. Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

*Our Dear Children
Immaculate*

May 24

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1971

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*Paternaly yours in Christ
Dionisio G. Leghisa
C.M.F.*



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Superior General
Los Angeles

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"El Ejército de la Santa Cruz es muy nuestro amigo. Y con el Ejército Azul mantenemos relaciones muy buenas."



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El Cajon, California
May 28, 1971

Dear Father Aloysius,

Gerry and I wish to extend our most heartfelt congratulations to you on the happy occasion of Father General's warm acceptance of all your wonderful plans. We are sending thanksgiving to heaven to Almighty God, Our Blessed Mother, Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Saint Therese, and Saint Rita for this bounteous favor. And we are so very grateful to Them and to you, Father, for all you have done for our Joseph Michael.

My cup overflows, and there are no words to express what is in my motherly heart. To know that one of my children will be so close to The Holy Eucharist and The Blessed Mother of Fatima, and will spend his life in Their service, is a joy beyond compare. There is nothing I could wish more for him. We are so humbly grateful.

Father, I am enclosing the resumes of qualifications of Gerry and Chuck Vandegrift. We are all so grateful to you for wanting to help us locate jobs in Spain. However, we feel that we should be sure in our minds that we would want to live there before letting you go to all this trouble, and before putting your friend, the good Doctor in Spain, to any trouble for us.

You know that we had our hopes set on finding some work of any kind in Portugal. It would, of course, be best if the men could use their backgrounds, but it would not be essential. We have been reading all we can find on Portugal and talking to people who have been there. We were pretty-well convinced that it was the most God-centered country in the world since the apparitions at Fatima.

However, we were considering Spain as a second choice, until just last week we saw a news item on TV about the Communist renewing relations with Spain. Russian goods are now sold in the Spanish markets, and a Russian embassy building is being erected in Madrid. It also stated that Spain is permitting Russian sailors to leave their ships and come into Spanish cities and towns. Spain is also allowing Russia to use land in the Canary Islands for the Russian shipping industry.

We are very much afraid that these are the same first steps that the Communists have taken in other countries and that it will be only a matter of time 'till they will do to Spain what they have done to the United States. I'm sure I don't need to enumerate the many ways in which they are demoralizing the youth of America.

So far Portugal still outlaws Communism and seems to be a better hope for our younger boys and our Mary Lynne. The Vandegrifts feel the same about their children. The letter Gerry received from the Consulate in Lisbon about employment of aliens was most discouraging. I am enclosing a copy.

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So, as it stands now, we are afraid to go to Spain, and it looks doubtful that we can get work in Portugal. Could it be that Our Blessed Lord is telling us to stay here? We want only to do His Holy Will, and we are trying only to do what is best for our children. Of course, it would be a great joy to be near to our Joseph Michael Anthony, but we know that Our Blessed Mother of Fatima, St. Anthony Mary Claret, and you will be taking good care of him. So our chief duty is to the other children until they too are well on their way to serving God to the best of their abilities.

We do not mean to be burdening you with our problems, dear Father. If Our Blessed Mother enlightens you in any way in our behalf, we will be eternally grateful. If she chooses that we should continue to struggle with the problems of today's world for our children without any special guidance -- then, so be it.

Again, thank you so much for all you have done for Joseph and for the wonderful influence you have been on his life. He loves you very much, and so do we.

Gratefully and devotedly,

Marcie Langford

Marcie Langford

Mrs. Gerald Langford
1550 Berenda Place
El Cajon, California 92020

A. A. Birdick - Psychology

P. O. BOX 372
LAMESA, CALIFORNIA

HOPKINS 6-6884



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Rev. Aloysius Ellacuria,

1119 Westchester,

Los Angeles,

California

FATIMA-110

Joseph LANGFORD

ART, WRITING, POETRY

LITERATURE MAJOR (1 yr)

One year Candidacy with
Benedictines after one
Year in Seminary (college)

Radio - Electronics

DRAMA - Public Speaking

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P. O. BOX 372

LA MESA, CALIFORNIA

HOPKINS 6-6884

July 17, 1971

Dear Sir:

This concerns Joe Langford in response to his request that I send you information that might be useful.

Individual Binet I. Q. was given October 9, 1968. When his age was seventeen--his mental age was twenty-two--I. Q. is 145.

This ambitious youth works best with people and abstract ideas. It is easy for him to reason from facts and plan projects for himself or others as he speaks fluently with a superior vocabulary--and writes with inspiration. Memory for language and history is excellent.

He is only average in scientific or motor ability although he is much interested in plants and ecology.

Joe's body is not suited to heavy contact sports. He was a sensitive asthmatic child. Only recently has he gained his full height of 6 feet 3 inches with a bony frame that should soon fill out with wise nutrition and exercise.

Sincerely,

Dr. Birdick

LOCAL BOARD NO. 140
SAN DIEGO COUNTY
3757 PARK BLVD.
SAN DIEGO, CALIF. 92103



Form **FATIMA-112**
Budget Bureau No. 33.R106.4.

July 19, 1971

(Date)

(LOCAL BOARD STAMP)

SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM

PERMIT FOR REGISTRANT TO DEPART FROM THE UNITED STATES

RSN (71) 327

1. NAME OF REGISTRANT

Joseph Michael LANGFORD
(First) (Middle) (Last)

2. SELECTIVE SERVICE NO.

4	140	51	2293
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3. PRESENT ADDRESS

1550 Berenda Place, El Cajon, California 92020
(Number and Street) (City or town) (State) (Zip Code)

4. CLASSIFICATION

4-D

5. PLACE OF BIRTH

Toledo Ohio U.S.A.
(City or town) (State) (Country)

6. DATE OF BIRTH

June 25, 1951

7. IF NONCITIZEN, ALIEN REGISTRATION NUMBER N/A

8. IN HIS APPLICATION THE REGISTRANT GAVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

A. COUNTRIES TO BE VISITED

Portugal

B. ORGANIZATIONS OR INDIVIDUALS REPRESENTED

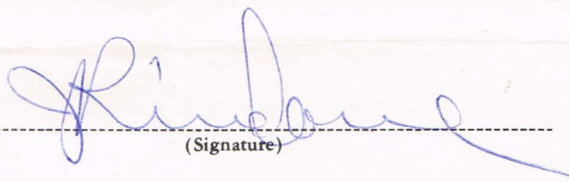
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C. NATURE OF BUSINESS

Entering monastery in Portugal.

The above-named registrant is hereby authorized to depart from the United States and to remain absent therefrom until August 1972.

(Date)


(Signature)

Board Member

(Title)

NOTICE: Before leaving the United States, if an alien, secure a reentry permit, if necessary, from the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice.

Dearest Father,

I thank our Loving Lord and His Blessed Mother with you for our continued good fortune and for Their predilection toward our Order. We can only attempt, with God's help and yours, to sanctify ourselves as wholeheartedly as possible that we may be more worthy of these great graces.

I have a few suggestions regarding the Order which I felt best not to bother the whole group with at the meeting, as I would rather present them to you first for your criticism.

To start with, I feel that we should begin our work of Perpetual Adoration as soon as we are settled at the old Claretian House in Fatima. Since one of the primary purposes of Novitiate is to introduce the novice to the various characteristics of the religious community he is planning to join, a House centered around Perpetual Adoration should likewise have its Novitiate so centered.

Secondly, Father, you mustn't be afraid of being too strict in establishing the rules and disciplines for this new Order. Granted, we should travel the middle road, but since human nature tends to pull us back into laxity, we must compensate for it by setting our standards just a bit higher than we think we can reach. Thus, in our spiritual climb we never stop to enjoy the view, but persevere in our climbing, with our eyes ever fixed on the summit.

In light of this I feel that we should be as monastic as we can, since, to my mind, monasticism is the ideal framework for the semi-contemplative life. It is the only form of religious observance which accomodates both those inclined to the active life and those inclined to the contemplative life, as well as those in between. I don't think we need be as rigorous as the Trappists, but I do feel we should adopt the ideal of Evangelical perfection, which the Benedictines unfortunately have abandoned.

I talked with Dr. Moore today, and he wants you to lease the House instead of buying it. The reason for this is that something went wrong with his business deal so that we will not be getting any money for a while, and when it does come it will come slowly. The amount we will be getting will be in the millions of dollars; but it will be given to us gradually. He also said that has promised to build us a monastery,

Dear Registrant,

The enclosed notification advises you that you have been placed in Class 1-H. This is a new administrative classification for those registrants who are not currently subject to processing for induction. If your lottery number is high enough, you will be left in Class 1-H indefinitely, with the realization that each year your likelihood of being selected for induction is decreasing.

If at any future time, your lottery number and priority group fall in the range of those being selected for induction, you will be reclassified out of 1-H. At that time, you will have the opportunity to present any claim for deferment and you will be classified into an appropriate class. You will also have the procedural rights of personal appearance and appeal following the issuance of the notice that you have been reclassified.

As a 1-H registrant, you are required to inform the local board of any change in your address. However, it will not be necessary for you to inform the local board of any change in your occupational, marital, family, or dependency status or of your physical condition until such time as your local board requests further information.

By direction of the local board

P. W. Anderson

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San Diego, California 92103

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SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM

This is your Notice of Classification, advising you of the determination of your selective service local board that you have been classified in accordance with Selective Service Regulations. The various classifications are described on the reverse side of this communication. You are required to have a Notice of Classification in your personal possession.

When a subsequent Notice of Classification is received you should destroy the one previously received, retaining only the latest.

FOR INFORMATION AND ADVICE
GO TO ANY LOCAL BOARD

Joseph M. LANGFORD
1550 Berenda Pl.
El Cajon, CA 92020

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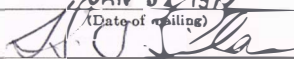
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- ☐ by Appeal Board
vote of _____ to _____
☐ by President

JAN 31 1972
(Date of mailing)

(Member, Executive Secretary, or clerk of
local board)

(Registrant's signature)

SSS Form 110 (Rev. 5-25-67)
(Previous printings are obsolete)
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Notice in addition to your Registration Certificate, in your personal possession at all times and to surrender it upon entering active duty in the Armed Forces.

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The law requires you to notify your local board in writing within 10 days after it occurs, (1) of every change in your address, physical condition and occupational (including student), marital, family, dependency and military status, and (2) of any other fact which might change your classification.

Any person who alters, forges, knowingly destroys, knowingly mutilates or in any manner changes this certificate or who, for the purpose of false identification or representation, has in his possession a certificate of another or who delivers his certificate to another to be used for such purpose, may be fined not to exceed \$10,000 or imprisoned for not more than 5 years, or both.

**LOCAL BOARD NO. 140
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(LOCAL BOARD STAMP)
SEE OTHER SIDE

Monday Evening
August 2nd, 1971
FATIMA 117

J. M. J.

Dear Father,

This is to give you a few more details of my conversation with Doctor Moore this afternoon. He wants me to make sure that you understand that he has no money yet. He has many business deals going, but all of them take time to pay off. He says that since anything can happen, he cannot say definitely that all will work out ~~in~~ by the end of the year, but he says there is a good possibility, in fact he went as far as to say that he is confident that we will have at least \$30,000 by December, possibly more than \$50,000.

Father, I think perhaps you don't realize how hard Doctor Moore is working to help us. Since I see him frequently, I know first hand that he is battling long and hard. He has to go out among the wolves of the business world and take all the pressure and disappointments on by himself. I can tell that the strain is beginning to tire him. He asks pleadingly that you pray for him that he may have the strength to see this through.

Apparently the devil is working especially hard against him and his family. He says that since he promised the Blessed Mother to build our monastery, he has had more heartache and more troubles than ever before in his life. It would be very helpful if, while I am in Fatima, you could write Dr. Moore some words of encouragement; and especially promising him prayers for his son, his business partners, and himself. (His address is: Dr. John Moore, 4546 College Avenue, San Diego, California, 92115.)

Father, I want to explain why I hesitated over the phone to drive down to San Diego. Yesterday Jim Swope told me what you had suggested, but when I told my parents they wouldn't give me permission to go. They told me that a phone call would suffice. When I talked to you this morning I tried to work some compromise so that I wouldn't have to disobey either you or my parents. Fortunately though, when they

learned how important the situation was, they agreed to let me go, and my Dad even insisted on going with me, as you wished. So all worked out well, praise God.

Father, I want to ask you about a request I am making of our Blessed Mother. I am making a series of rosary novenas asking that our order be the closest order to Her heart in the world, and that we may be Her most beloved and devoted sons. I am also asking Her to make Saint Therese our special protector and patroness, since so many of us have devotion to her. I want to ask you if this is too bold a request to make. I thought so at first, until I remembered that St. Therese prayed that she be an even greater lover of Jesus than the great St. Teresa de Avila, which may seem to many to be too bold a prayer to make. I would like your blessing on this request, if it be proper.

Perhaps if you agree with it, you could

pray for it as well, since your prayers are
so much dearer to our Blessed Mother than
mine. Perhaps you could ask St. Anthony Mary
Claret to plead on our behalf as well.

God love you, and get well!

your loving son,

Joe Longford

P.S. Could you please read my last letter
again. I would like your reaction to
the suggestions I made. Thank you.

August 4, 1971

Reverendo Padre Joaquin Alonso, C.M.F.
Tuy, Pontevedra

Amadisimo Padre:

Felicidades por averle tocado la gran santa lotería del Convento de las Hermanas Doroteas de Tuy, Pontevedra, por la generosidad de Mr. John Haffert tan agradecido a Vuestra Reverencia por sus valiosos trabajos. Considero esto como un extraordinario favor del Inmaculado Corazón de Nuestra Santisima Madre a la Congregación en la dignisima persona de Vuestra Reverencia. Gracias por su invitación para ayudarme en mi proyecto de la Adoración Perpetua Claretiana que intento esta vez en Fatima.

Mi grupo, como unos veinte jovenes Americanos, va a ir a Fatima en Octubre a prepararse inmediatamente como aspirantes para empezar el Noviciado en la fiesta de la Inmaculado Concepción de Nuestra Divina Madre.

Esperando verle en Octubre.
De Vuestra Reverencia, af.mo. hermano in Corde Matris,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

El Cajon, California
August 12, 1971

Dear Fr. Aloysius,

I was so shocked and saddened to hear that you have had more heart attacks and that you are in such a delicate condition. I felt very badly to have taken any of your strength to talk with me on the phone. We had no idea that you were so gravely ill. When Joe saw you last in the hospital, he reported that you were doing very well and seemed to be improving steadily. He would be so grieved to know that you have had a set-back. All of LAMB have been notified and are praying hard for your speedy and complete recovery.

When I called Tuesday, it was at the request of Dr. Moore, who also thought you were recovering nicely, or he would not have asked me to call you. He wanted you to call him collect at your convenience. A number of his projects are showing more promise, and I am sure he thought you would like to hear about them. Nothing is final as yet, but many of his endeavors seem to be going very well.

When I told him how critically ill you are, he was very disturbed, as everyone is, and he asked me to write to tell you that his call was not really important and that his only message for now is that he is your humble servant and is working constantly for the good of the order. He assures you of his prayers for your health and for your intentions.

We have had no word from Joseph Michael as yet, other than a postcard from New York saying that he was on his way to Lisbon. Of course, it takes quite a while to get mail from Europe, so I guess I'll have to practice the virtue of patience.

I called Mother Margurite to let her know of the seriousness of your condition so the sisters would all double their prayers in your behalf. She suggested that it might be better for you to come here for your recuperation. The sisters would spare no effort in caring for you. And there is much less smog in San Diego than in Los Angeles. We could bring you down in an ambulance.

When Dr. Moore called again today to see if we knew any more about your condition, we told him of the hope to bring you here. He said there is an excellent heart specialist here who would take care of you free of charge, and that he (Dr. Moore) would personally contribute a thousand dollars toward your care. So we are all praying that Mother Margurite can persuade your superiors to let you come just as soon as it would be safe to move you in an ambulance. Of course, your wishes would be the final determining factor in the matter. But if you would like to come, we will all do everything in our power to get you here.

Please be a careful and obedient patient, dear Father. Do everything that will help you to get well, and do nothing that will impede your recovery. We all love you and want you to be well again just as soon as the Good Lord is willing. We are on our way now to offer Mass for your condition.

Prayerfully,

Marcie Langford

**Remembrance of the Golden Jubilee
Of my Religious Profession as a Claretian Missionary
August 15, 1921 - 1971**

Hail, Mary; Virgin, Mother and Queen,
I consecrate myself thoroughly to thy Immaculate Heart.
For the honor and glory of thy purity, charity and power,
I offer thee my soul and body, my faculties and senses,
All that I am, all that I have.
I plead the perennial intercession of thy spiritual presence
To free me from all evil and to be always docile
To every inspiration of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Holy Mary; Mother of God and my Mother,
Behold thy loving child.
I have placed my complete confidence
In thy Immaculate Heart,
And I shall never be confounded, Amen.

The picture shown on this card has been blessed for you.
Entitled "Mother of Divine Love," it was an icon greatly fa-
vored by Blessed Anne Marie Taigi. It now presides at
the shrine wherein the holy remains of this Beata are at
rest in a church of the Trinitarian Fathers in Rome.

Imprimi Potest
Very Rev.

Nihil Obstat
Rev.

Imprimatur
Rt. Rev. Timothy Manning
Archbishop of Los Angeles

✓ 15-50 Brenda
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El Cajon, Calif.
Aug. 16, 1971

Dear Fr. Alagius,

Of course Lamb is deeply concerned about your illness and is determined to get you well again. Enclosed is a check for \$25 from the LAMB members. Please ask the Claretian fathers to say Masses at their convenience for your recovery.

Your welfare was also a major intention at the three hour rosary ceremony we attended at Carol Moeller's house on the vigil of the Assumption. And your recovery was also prayed for during the hour-long rosary ceremony at our parish church, Our Lady of Grace, on the feast of the Assumption.

At this time we have no additional information about Joe - only a "Happy Birthday" card for his young brother.

We will continue to pray for your recovery until you are your very good self again.

Prayerfully yours,
Gerry Longford

El Cajon, Calif.
August 18, 1971

Dearest Father,

I am sending Joe's telegram to you just in case none of my efforts were successful in getting the message through to you.

It seems the mail from Fatima is very slow. We are so glad that Joe decided to write the good word. Mr. Jack Marion called us last week to see if he had written us yet. He had heard nothing from Kevin. He was relieved to learn that the boys planned to spend a few days in Lisbon. They wanted to be refreshed from the long all-day and all-night trip before arriving in Fatima. We told him that they probably would not write until they reached Fatima. We told him also that we know it takes as much as ten days to get mail from Portugal. We have been corresponding with people in the Lisbon area for some time, trying to locate a job for Jerry, so we know how slow the mail can be.

We thank the Dear Lord that your prayers and ours have been answered and that our young men were so well received. It won't be

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long now until they are back with us and can tell us in every detail about their visit.

Our prayers continue daily for your speedy and complete recovery, dear Father. L & M B will gather this Saturday to offer Holy Mass and the Rosary for you and your intentions.

Dr. Moore was ill with the flu for a few days, and he offered his suffering to relieve some of yours. We too are asking Our Blessed Lord to let us carry some of your burden for you.

Love and prayer from all the Langfords,
Marcie

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OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT
AND PERPETUAL VENERATION
OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Apartado 30

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Here is an example of a poem that Joseph Langford wrote:

bottle
in the cedar cabinet
with wrappers
stuffed
down your throat

letter to a bottle in the cedar cabinet

bottle
tinted brown ember
you're dusty
all around
your lip

bottle
on an old newspaper
just two months ago
i poured you
out

bottle
about to be
thrown away
talk with me
i'm old
too.

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El Cajon Calif.
August 19, 1971
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Dearest Father,

I'm sorry to have to subject you to my handwriting so soon again. I am in bed with the flu, so I cannot type for a few days.

Yesterday I received a call from Father Olivares' secretary asking about white scapulars. I was under the impression that Amena Farmer had taken care of that order. However, she is out of town for the rest of the summer. Since I do not want to keep Fr. Olivares waiting any longer, I plan to prepare and mail 100 scapulars to him now rather than wait to talk with Mrs. Farmer about the original order. We can straighten that out later.

I need to know how you want us to bill Fr. Olivares. We can charge the usual \$1.00 per scapular and use the 40¢ profit toward the publishing of the St. Anthony Mary Clare Biography. Or we can charge him the 60¢ per scapular that it costs us to make them. Unfortunately we have to do quite a bit of work on them, since they have come from the Philippines in very bad shape - poor workmanship and the wrong backing. So we pay Amena Farmer's daughter for her time and for the wool used in remaking them.

if they had come to us as we originally ordered them, we could supply them much faster and at a lower cost. Some of the good women of LAMB offered to help with the sewing, but it went so slowly that we would have taken another year to fill orders that were already much too overdue as it was. So we hired Amana's daughter to work full time on them, and we are finally caught up on back orders.

When you decide how you prefer to have us charge Fr. Oliveira, would you please ask your good secretary to check with Marie in Fr. Oliveira's office to verify that the price will be agreeable, and let her know that she can expect the scapulars very soon. She was most anxious to be able to fill an order from a priest in Texas, and I would like to let her know that it is being taken care of promptly.

Thank you for your most welcomed letter, Father. We are so grateful to God and Our Blessed Mother that you are feeling better. We will be happy to extend your regards to all members of the LAMB.

You will be happy to know that Dessy is making progress on the St. Anthony Mary Claret Biography. He talked this week with a Fr. Salinas in Phoenix. As soon as he can clarify what footnotes some Father in Rome wants to add, we can go to press with the money we have in the Treasury for this purpose.

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August 20, 1971

Dr. Morse called this morning to read to me the very beautiful letter he had just received from you. He said he will treasure it always — and well he might! It means so much to him to know that he is in your prayers in a special way. And I have assured him that the Langfords pray for him daily also. He seems to appreciate this deeply.

Be assured that your wonderful letter has given him the encouragement he needs to carry on with his problems and pressures.

God keep you well, dear Father.

Loving prayers from all of us,

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R. Padre Luis LLacuria, CMF.

Año feliz, santo y feúndo es mi voto y prece al início deste 1971. S. António M^a Claret lo bendiga.

En Roma, he hablado al Rvmo. Padre General sobre U. y sus proyectos de Fatima. Me dice que puede intervenir en esa Provincia para que U. tenga permiso de auxiliar la Provincia de Portugal: se U. prefiere, escribe inmediatamente al Padre Provincial; pero le parece mejor esperar la Visita que hará a USA. el mês de Abril: habla personalmente.

Mientras tanto, nuestro Consejo Provincial aprueba las hipóteses que yo le propuse en Fatima:

- construcción de otro edificio para nosotros, quedando para su obra el existente;

- alquilar lo que hay, parcialmente;

- 2 la Casa a nuestro servicio, pero con huéspedes que U. designe.

Mientras se trate de obra claretiana, no hay dificultad en arreglar las cosas. Habria que explicitar bien, eso sí, las condiciones y los compromisos. Nos guataria sacar provecho de lo que tenemos para valer a la nueva construcción de Carvalhos: necessaria, urgente, pesada. Continuamos confiando en la Providência.

Diga U. que se le ocurre y cuente siempre con nuestra buena voluntad y nuestra fraternidad.

Su af.mo. hermano in Corde Matris,

P. João de Freitas Alves, cmf.

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Dear Father José Maria,

I wish you a very happy and holy Easter season. I received my two baptismal records and my two birth certificates in good order. I thank you very much for being so punctual. Now I have the privilege of being under Medicare as a senior citizen of the United States. Exactly today it is forty years since I left Panama for the United States and I arrived the 24th of this month in San Diego and the 25th in Compton. How quickly they have gone. I wish I could go through them all over again.

The purpose of this letter is to be on the lookout to go to the Sondica Airport (Bilbao's Airport) when you receive a telegram from a young man whose name is Lenn Pacaro. He is half Hawaiian mixed with other Oriental races and a bit of Portuguese. He is short in stature and very dark. He knows very little Spanish but you can get along with him in English. He wants to know about our Congregation. Explain all to him, showing him our seminaries and the college in Pamplona. He wants to join our Congregation. And after you meet him I want to know your opinion, dear Brother. I'm glad he is taking this trip because I am not sure of him, how he would like Spain and would adjust to our life. He works for the Airlines and has a very good position. Tell him to be free to ask you any questions about our Congregation. Show him the poverty of our seminaries as they are. And see whether he will be willing to go through them before he is ordained. He is very fond of me and he says he is willing to do anything that I tell him. Present him to the different superiors there, to Father Provincial and the others there, particularly those who know English like Father Villanueva. Go as much as possible out of your way to help him while he is in Cantabria and then give him directions on how to travel through Spain and through other countries in Europe, as he wants to go to France and Rome.

Everything is fine here. I am in much better health than when you saw me in Spain. I am back at work. My heart is in good shape. The doctors don't give me anything for it, just the medicine of a strict diet to lose weight, so that the heart doesn't need to work with extra weight. The prospective foundation in Fatima goes very well. I may get a house there from a rich man. I don't want to go to any more particulars now. But tell Father Thomas de Manzarraga and Father Dominic Jaurrieta to be ready and to ask the Father Provincial that they are willing to come for this foundation that is going to be very important for the Basilica at Fatima. I found my way to win over the Bishop of Leiria through a great friend of his so that our community be, besides Claretian, also attached to the Blue Army of Fatima and be its very soul and working in close association with the Bishop of Leiria, Ordinary of Fatima. Father de Manzarraga must be the teacher of the Gregorian Chant for our students and form the Masa Coral or Orfeon of the Sanctuary, adding the double choir of the children, "Jacintasy Franciscos", vested in the attire that these two children wore in their days, over fifty years ago. We need the sanctity of Father Jaurrieta to form our youth well. I already have twelve Americans ready to start at the beginning of September and to have their solemn opening on the 13th of October. I cannot be more explicit now because all depends on Father General, whom I'm going to see in person this coming month. This house in Fatima I wish to be depending directly from Father General, who will work with the Bishop of Leiria in regard to the personnel, their ministry and their possessions. Pray, if it is God's Will, that Father General may say yes. When things be completely settled, it will have Perpetual Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament day and night. My idea is that once this is will settled we take this to another place that needs a great deal of money before it be in proper condition to shelter our Claretian Community that will move therein to continue the good work begun in Fatima. I have full hope that also this second part is going to take place. Because it is for the greater honor and love of the Blessed Mother and of the Mostblessed Sacrament, through the intercession of our great Patriarch Saint Anthony Mary Claret. The approval of the Sisters is still pending. On the 25th of March I concelebrated Mass at the altar of St. Vibiana's Cathedral for the ordination of the two new Bishops. I was the only religious in that crowded sanctuary. I am most thankful to God for restoring my good standing to me in Los Angeles, on this solemn occasion, attended by all the priests of the Diocese and about fifty Bishops. The Bishop of Guam approached me and told me to encourage our Father General to send to his diocese, whose capital is Agaña, one, two, or three priests and that he will pay for their trip. He said the older people speak Spanish. The younger ones speak English and the lower people speak Chamoro. I wish our Father Provincial from Cantabria gets in touch with him. I am sending you a photo-static copy of the letter he sent to me and you can translate it to Father Provincial. It used to be in the Spanish colony of Las Islas Marianas. Las Islas Marianas are about 12 or 13

very small islands. Guam is very small, and all are very Catholic. There is a large American base there since World War II. It is almost like having a house in the United States. The Bishop is so good and has as a motto "Caritas Christi urget nos". Father Provincial can write to him in Spanish, because he speaks Spanish as well as any of us. Possibly Cantabria has taken some mission in Bolivia, but this one would take only two or three to start and he will give them a parish. The climate is a little warm but the scenery there is most beautiful and tropical. This archipelago was discovered by our Spanish explorers and dedicated to the Blessed Mother, calling them "Las Islas Marianas". If Father Provincial accepts this for the Province, he will find no problems in these islands. And also, we will have missions in South America (Bolivia) and missions in the Orient (that of Guam). And it will be very uplifting for the Province in promoting a missionary spirit. Those who would like to learn English for the missions and those who wish to go to South America, their Spanish will be enough. Besides, this mission could eventually act as a stepping stone to the other islands of the Archipelago of the Marianas. Take all your interest in this to Father Provincial. Enclosed is the photo-static copy of the letter from this good Bishop, whom I would like to answer favorably.

I am sending you with this letter three sets of Gregorian Masses, each set with a stipend of US\$60.00. Enclosed please find a check for \$180.00 for three sets of Gregorian Masses. Also there is a check for \$329.00 for 329 Masses (one dollar each Mass). \$50.00 is for Father Zabaleta for the needs of his class in Euzkera. Extend my best regards to everyone in the family.

In Corde Matris,

Three sets of Gregorian Masses:	*	For Fr. Batxi Zabaleta, C.M.F., \$50.00
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Rev.P. Aloysius Ellacuría, C.M.F.

LOS ANGELES - U.S.A.

Muy amado y Rdo. Padre:

Ya ve que no le olvido. Me he enterado que V.R. ha estado enfermo. Enseguida he acudido al Sto.P Fundador ante su Sepulcro Glorioso, y también al Corazón de María, de quien es un Apóstol tan infatigable, sobre todo de la Filiación, para que le bendijeran. Y continuaré orando hasta que reciba noticias directas de V.R.

Yo sé que V.R. ama entrañablemente al Sto.P. Fundador y su obra. Por este motivo sé que le gustará le comunicar que el Templo está ya totalmente terminado. Ahora estamos instalando el órgano tubular, apropiado al mismo. La estatua del Santo presidirá la fachada de piedra picada. Sólo la estatua mide más de 2 metros y vale más de 200.000 pesetas. Ya he encontrado padrino. En cuanto al órgano todavía no. Vale otro tanto. Es de segunda mano; pero de calidad.

También estamos instalando el MUSEO CLARETIANO con la Celda de la Fundación de la Congregación y la que habitó el Sto.P.Fundador en el Seminario de Vich.

Todo esto requiere mucho dinero. Yo estoy acudiendo a los hijos del Congregación, que la aman de veras. Y tengo que pedir a los ~~Hijos~~ del Corazón de María de solera. Por desgracia son pocos los que acuden a mis demandas. Aquí en Cataluña he encontrado buena colaboración. Pero entre el TEMPLO, (que todavía no está del todo pagado) y lo demás, se necesita la ayuda de todos....

Sé que el P. Ellacuría no me puede fallar. Se ve que me quiere hacer ejercitar la paciencia. Mejor dicho, ha querido hacerme ejercitar dicha virtud. Pero ahora ha llegado el momento de escuchar benigneamente mis ardientes y agobiantes súplicas. No quedaré confundido. Deje obrar a su corazón, P. Ellacuría. Me consta, que si quiere hace milagros.

Con el afecto fraterno in C.O.M. y a su disposición para cuanto pueda servirle.

Jaime M. Pastó, C.M.F.

Superior y Custodio del Sepulcro Claretiano



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Rdo. Padre Luís Ellacuria, cmf.

Diós lo bendiga y su y nuestra Madre os acompañe. He salido de Misonero a la isla Madeira, para iniciar nuestro Claret de las islas Canarias. Así que hoy solamente puedo agradecer e contestar su estimada de 23.III.71, con el cheque de \$ 1,159.00. Muchas gracias por todo, en nombre de nuestra Provinciay en el mio particularmente. Se lo remito a Fatima.

Mientras tanto, ha llegado otra de Charles Carpenter con la preocupación si hubiera perdido la otra. No.

Sé que el Rvmo. Padre General visita ahora USA. Poderá U. hablar con el sobre el caso de Fatima. De nuestra parte, confirmamos las varias posibilidades. Vamos comenzar el Noviciado este año, pero tenemos solo 14 novicios, quando la Casa tiene capacidad para 50 y más.

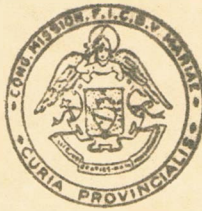
El Obispo de Leira es muy nuestro amigo. E con el Ejército Azul mantenemos relaciones muy buenas.

Hemos recibido de Africa três vocaciones negras. Esperamos otras más. Como esperamos también nueva fundación en ANGOLA. Se confirma nuestra vocación misionera, gracias a Diós.

Me crea, querido Padre, a su disposición
in Xto. Jesu et in Corde O. Matris,

J. de Freitas Alves
P. Juan de Freitas Alves, cmf.

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May 28, 1971

Most Rev. Father Anthony Leghisa, C.M.F.
Superior General
Los Angeles

Most Reverend Father General:

Here I come most humbly to express to Your Reverence, in person, the possibility of a project which I explained, as I was passing through Lisbon last November, to Very Reverend Fr. Juan de Freitas Alves, C.M.F., the incumbent Provincial of the Provincia Portuguesa. First and uppermost, I told Very Reverend Fr. de Freitas Alves to relate to Your Reverence, dear Father General, and even to make his very own, the possibilities of establishing Perpetual Adoration in Fatima as a tribute on the Centennial of the death of Saint Anthony Mary Claret who was the living monstrance of the Most Blessed Sacrament. He was very cordial and liked the ideas I proposed to him which were repeated again in a letter to him on March 23rd. Here is an excerpt from that letter, with those ideas:

"I told you then (in November), dear Fr. Provincial, about my great and most eager desire to have in Fatima a Claretian Community that would have Perpetual Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament, but also would have a retreat house for any Claretians from any part of the world and also for priests and religious visiting Fatima. I have written to Mr. John Haffert, the founder of the Blue Army, asking him to help us in this possible project and, in case everything goes well, to make it a part of the Blue Army so that the Claretians, since Saint Anthony Mary Claret is the patron saint of the Blue Army, could be the chaplains of the Blue Army with our Founder as their spiritual leader."

The Very Reverend Father Provincial Alves answered favorably. Here is a quote from his letter of April 22, 1971:

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This year, Very Rev. Father General, is the Golden Jubilee of my Religious Profession. I request from Your Reverence permission to go to Fatima during the month of October to see the Very Reverend Father Provincial and Mr. John Haffert, who is going to be there during that month, and then bring to Your Reverence, and to your General Government, the propositions of our Portuguese Provincial Government, helped by Mr. John Haffert and possibly by other benefactors who already have promised financial help.

The Very Rev. Fr. Provincial Juan de Freitas Alves stated last November, and also in his letter of April 22nd, his willingness to accept into our Claretian Novitiate in Fatima a group of American young men that I have been training to enter our Congregation in Portugal and to remain there unconditionally. There will be over ten of them for students and about five for lay brothers. I will see to it that they are properly qualified, that their documents are complete, and that every requisite to leave their families and country be properly filled, making sure this way that there is no hindrance on any side, neither from parents nor government, to their following their vocation.

Thanking Your Reverence for your extreme graciousness to my proposals. And with my deepest gratitude to Your Reverence for your tremendous help with your charism of discernment of spirits, with which the Holy Spirit has endowed Your Reverence so profusely for the proper and sure guidance of our beloved Congregations May this pastoral visit of yours to our Province be one that will make real history in the annals of our Claretian institute.

Most Filially in Corde Matris,

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(La traduction de la lettre du 28 mai, 1971, écrit au Pere General Antonio Leghisa, C.M.F., par le Pere Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F., et dans laquelle le Pere General approuve la fondation des Missionnaires Claretains de l'Adoration Perpetuelle.)

May 28, 1971

(traduction: le 10 septembre 1971)

Le Plus Rev. Pere Antoine Leghisa, C.M.F.
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Los Angeles

Le Plus Reverend Pere General:

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Je vous viens tres humblement pour exprimer a Votre Reverence la possibilite d'un projet que j'expliquais, en passant par Lisboa le novembre dernier, au Tres Reverend Pere Joao de Freitas Alves, C.M.F., le Provincial actuel du Province Portugais. Tout d'abord, j'ai dit au Tres Reverend Pere Joao de Freitas Alves de raconter a Votre Reverence, mon cher Pere General, et meme de faire ses propres, les possibilites d'etablir l'Adoration Perpetuelle a Fatima, comme hommage sur le centenaire de la mort de Saint Antoine Marie Claret qui etait monstration vivante du Plus Saint Sacrement. Il a ete bien dispose (le Pere Provincial) et il a aime les idees que je lui ai proposees (et que je repetees dans une lettre du 22 mars, 1971.) Voici un extrait de cette lettre, avec ces idees:

"Je vous ai dit alors (en novembre), cher Pere Provincial, de mon desir si grand et si avide d'avoir a Fatima une communaute Claretaine qui aurait l'Adoration Perpetuelle du Plus Saint Sacrement, mais qui aurait aussi une maison de retraite pour les Claretains de n'importe quelle partie du monde, et aussi pour les pretres et les religieuses qui visitent Fatima. J'ai ecrit a M. John Haffert, le fondateur de l'Armee Bleue, pour lui demander de nous aider dans ce projet possible et, au cas ou toutes les choses iront bien, pour en faire une partie de l'Armee Bleue, afin que les Claretains, puisque Saint Antoine Marie Claret a ete nomme le patron de l'Armee Bleue, pourraient etre les Chapelains de l'Armee Bleue avec notre Pere Fondateur comme leur chef spirituel."

Le tres Reverend Pere Provincial a repondu favorablement. Voici une citation de sa lettre du 22 avril 1971:

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Cette année, Plus Reverend Pere General, c'est le Jubile d'or de ma Profession Religieuse. Je prie de Votre Reverence la permission d'aller a Fatima pendant le mois d'octobre pour rencontrer le Tres Reverend Pere Provincial et M. John Haffert, qui va etre la pendant ce mois; et puis apporter a Votre Reverence, et a votre gouvernement general les propositions de notre gouvernement provincial de Portugal, aide par M. John Haffert et possiblement par des autres bienfaiteurs qui ont deja promis de l'aide pecuniaire.

Le tres Reverend Pere Provincial, Joao de Freitas Alves, a affirme le novembre dernier, et aussi dans sa lettre du 22 avril, sa consentement d'accepter dans le Novitiat Claretain a Fatima, un groupe des seminaristes que j'ai diriges pour entrer notre Congregation en Portugal et d'y rester inconditionnellement. Il y en aura dix pour etudiants et a peu pres cinq pour les freres. Je m'occuperai de leurs qualifications, que leurs papiers sont completes, et que toutes les conditions requises pour quitter leurs familles et leur pays soient regulierement faites, pour assurer, de cette maniere, qu'il n'y aura pas d'empêchements de tous les cotes, ni des parents ni du gouvernement.

Je remercie Votre Reverence de vos delicats attentions a mes propositions. Et avec ma gratitude tres profonde a Votre Reverence de votre assistance extraordinaire par votre charisme du discernement des esprits, duquel le Saint Esprit a doue Votre Reverence si profusement pour la conduite reguliere et sur de notre Congregation aimee. Que votre Visite Pastorale a notre Province soit une visite qui sera vraiment historique dans les annales de notre institut Claretain.

Signature de Pere Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

("Je vous donne ma permission avec beaucoup de plaisir,

P. Antonio Leghisa, C.M.F.

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My Dear Children in the Blessed Mother of Fatima and the Most Holy Eucharist,

On the 24th of this month of May, I interviewed the Most Reverend Father Anthony Leghisa, C.M.F., the Superior General of our Claretian congregation. After his examining most carefully all my petitions, he was most paternal and most generous in granting every petition.

Now we all must consider and believe that this is the work of God, because we have the full approval of the supreme authority of the Claretian Fathers. Our Most reverend Father General is going to be in Fatima in the Month of October as well as Mr. John Haffert and I. There we will discuss and settle all about your future home and monastery by the grounds of the Cova da Iria where the Blessed Mother appeared in 1917.

It gives me an untold and I might say eternal joy, this approval from our Father General. It also awakens in me such an immense gratitude to God in the person of my Most Reverend Father General. All the prayers that we said for Father General have been answered most favorably. I see him enlightened in the most charismatic way by the Holy Spirit. True light illumines his mind and true fortitude strengthens his will. My dear children, from now on and forevermore, your aim in life is to rub shoulders with our own holy father, Saint Anthony Mary Claret on the holy grounds of Fatima in his perpetual, perennial adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament and in his matchless love for the Blessed Mother as her best forerunner and precursor of her message in Fatima in its full dimensions. My dear children, I congratulate you with all my heart for your loftiest vocation, at the same time to be Claretians and the chaplains of our Blessed Mother in Fatima and the soul of the Blue Army with its 20 million members.

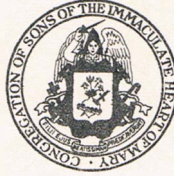
Each one of you, my dear children, aim high for your entire life, as high as you can in your love for the most Holy Eucharist and in your love for the Immaculate Heart of Mary who shows her heart surrounded with thorns. Let each one of you be angels of consolation to her and she will prepare you to be seraphs in human flesh for the Blessed Sacrament and all that appertains to It by adoring Him by day and by night when it be solemnly exposed in the Basilica of Fatima. Hold on to your lofty vocation and your reward will be exceedingly great. Your achievements will be my own supreme achievement in life and one of my greatest consolations in heaven. Let us increase each moment our love for Saint Anthony Mary Claret, for the Immaculate Heart of Our Blessed Mother and the Most Blessed Sacrament of the altar.

Praise, adoration, love and thanksgiving be every moment given to the Most Holy Eucharist, surrounded by the Blessed Mother and all the angels and saints.

Each one of you be a seraph of love for the Holy Eucharist, a perfect son of our Blessed Mother, and a perfect reflection of Saint Anthony Mary Claret, and tireless captain of the Blue Army and most devoted royal chaplain for our Blessed Mother of Fatima, Queen of the Universe.

This is your holy vocation. This is your glorious call.

Paternaly yours in Cordi Matris
Fr. August Ilkcuria
C.M.F.



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In regard to selling the property at Claretville

In regard to our new buildings in Claretville, Mrs. Marie T. O'Donnell gave \$30,000.00 for the main Chapel. Dr. and Mrs. Zorb gave \$20,000.00. Because of that, the three were given the honor of contributing to the breaking of grounds at the beginning of the construction of the Seminary. Also, through Fr. Nino, for the refurbishing of the altar, \$15,000.00 was given. Then, the artist, Mr. Dario, through Fr. Bossi, did all the artistic work. Through various individuals in Communities throughout the Province, the cost of all the stained-glass windows was met. In regard to the Novitiate, Mrs. Rose Virginia Jackman gave \$250,000.00, in gratitude to Saint Anthony Mary Claret, for having cured her of cancer. She told me that the building should be in memorial of her son Charles. I did petition Fr. Michael Cecere, Provincial at that time, to fulfill the request of this great donor, so far second only to members of the Dominguez family. Fr. Cecere reassured me that the building of the Novitiate was in honor of Rose Virginia Jackman and her son Charles. But he, for attention to the Cardinal, and avoidance of the jealousy of the minor donors, didn't feel like fulfilling this, to me, a serious obligation, to give more and better recognition to Mrs. Jackman for her donation of \$250,000.00. All these donations should be taken into consideration if some members of the Chapter feel like selling Claretville. Mrs. Zorb is the only survivor now of these benefactors of Claretville. How will she feel in case we sell this property? Perhaps more like asking us again for the \$20,000.00 back. How would Mrs. Jackman, if she could come back to life, feel? Let us be mindful, after having accepted donations, of our obligations to our benefactors.

Of course, the following is not a matter of this Chapter, but many, many donations of thousands of dollars were given to build Saint Jude's Seminary. And without any regard to those donations and to their benefactors, that property was sold, I don't know with what kind of conscience. If they would consider how much we pioneers worked, in spite of all of our handicaps to build up this Province, and to save and get funds to build it up. It is extremely painful to say the least.

Fr. Aloysius Ellacuria
Fr. Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

June 11, 1971

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MESSAGE FROM OUR SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR FOR JUNE

SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR - REV. FATHER ALOYSIUS ELLACURIA, C.M.F.
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Pre-eminence of Mental prayer

The object of this Guide, as we love to repeat, is not merely to point out to you the way and direct you in it, but also to show, whenever an occasion presents itself, the necessity, the excellence, and the advantages, of mental prayer; for the more elevated your notion of mental prayer is and the more you love and esteem it, the greater will be the ardor and constancy with which you will practice it.

In studying the teachings of the saints on the art of mental prayer we meet at every turn with eloquent testimonials of their predilection for this holy exercise. Although we shall have frequent occasion in this treatise to call attention to the doctrines and examples of the saints on mental prayer, we have gathered here some of their more striking expressions and maxims. These could even serve as excellent subjects of mixed mental prayer--a form of meditation to be explained later--and would thus produce a lasting impression on your soul and contribute greatly towards making you a man of mental prayer.

Unanimous Opinion of the Saints

All the saints, without exception, have placed mental prayer first among the religious exercises. St. Charles Borromeo, at a synod, went so far as to refuse admission to the ecclesiastical state to all those who were not versed in mental prayer, no matter what talents and knowledge they might otherwise possess. Surely he must have had weighty reasons for attaching such importance to this single exercise. The saints most celebrated for the number and importance of their works were at the same time known to devote a considerable portion of the day to mental prayer faithfully. St. Francis of Assisi and St. Bonaventure were always united to God by prayer and meditation; St. Thomas Aquinas acknowledged that if he knew anything, he had learned it at the foot of the crucifix; and it was in mental prayer that St. Vincent de Paul found the inspiration of his charity. When the saints, in the disposition of their time found it impossible to satisfy all the demands made upon it, they acted as is customary in the division of an inadequate estate: the spiritual exercises were the privileged creditors of the liquidation. The portion that falls to the exercises of piety is set aside first; if there be a deficit, it must be assumed by the remaining occupations.

Shortest Road to Perfection

St. Ignatius said: "The spiritual exercises (of which mental prayer is the most essential element) are the greatest good which I can at all conceive, feel, and understand, whether for the personal progress of anyone, or for the fruit, the help, and the spiritual advantages they afford." In another place, the same saint said: "Mental prayer is the shortest road to perfection." It is, as we have already shown, the food, the soul, and the life of all the other spiritual exercises, which in reality exist, are sustained, and become profitable only through mental prayer and according to our proficiency in this exercise.

Natural Element for the Soul

St. Augustine said: "As the fish cannot live without water, so that it languishes and dies when out of this element, so the soul cannot live without prayer, and when prayer is wanting, the soul begins to pine away." Here, as in other passages where the term recurs, the word prayer bears the signification of mental prayer, without which there cannot be any true vocal prayer.

Absolute Necessity of Prayer, according to St. Alphonsus

St. Alphonsus de Ligouri, in particular, understood it thus: "I cannot help feeling pained," he said, "when I see that, while Holy Scripture and the works of the Fathers so frequently recommend the exercise of prayer, there are so few other books, so few preachers and confessors who treat this subject; or if they do treat of it, they do it briefly and, as it were, in passing. As for myself, I express my firm conviction about the necessity of prayer when I say that spiritual writers in their books, preachers in the pulpit, confessors in the tribunal of penance, should endeavor above all else to inculcate in the minds of their readers and hearers the necessity of praying always, never ceasing to admonish and exhort them: Pray, pray, pray, and do not cease praying; if you pray, you will certainly save your soul; if you do not pray, you will certainly be damned."

Again the saint said: "From the absolute necessity of prayer, springs the moral necessity of mental prayer. In fact, when we do not meditate and are continually distracted by the multiplicity of external affairs, we can never know our spiritual needs nor realize the dangers to which our salvation is exposed. We fail to see what means we should employ to overcome our temptations, and we do not even recognize the necessity of prayer. In such a state of blindness, we abandon prayer, and thus we are unavoidably lost."

Without meditation no prayer, without prayer no salvation; that is the logic of St. Alphonsus. In fact, fearing not to have expressed himself with sufficient clearness, this illustrious apostle of prayer added: "Without mental prayer it is impossible to live without sin, as Cardinal Bellarmine used to say. Some one may answer, I do not practice mental prayer, but I say many vocal prayers. But St. Augustine remarks that to obtain the graces which we need, it does not suffice to pray with the lips; we must pray also with the heart....Now, vocal prayers are most frequently said with distractions--merely with the lips and not with the heart, and this happens especially when the prayers are very numerous and when those who recite them are not skilled in mental prayer. Hence it is that such prayers are so rarely heard."

CLARETIAN MISSIONARY AUXILIARY GUILD MEETINGS

NOTE: All meetings (except LAMB from San Diego) are held in the lower hall (use lower doorway at the northeast corner of building) at the Provincial Residence of the Claretian Missionary Fathers, 1119 Westchester Pl., Los Angeles 90019, and include the Holy Rosary, sacrifice of the Holy Mass, Spiritual Conference, Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Morning Guild meetings start with Holy Mass at 10:00 a.m. preceded by the Rosary at 9:45 a.m. Evening Guild meetings start with the Rosary at 7:30 p.m.

CONFESSIONS PRECEDING GUILD MEETINGS Due to needed preparation time prior to a Guild meeting, our Spiritual Director may hear last minute Confessions beginning one hour before a meeting and no later than one-half hour before. Any confessions to be heard after this time may be heard by another Priest--if available.

RELICS OF ST. ANTHONY MARY CLARET: Many second and third class relics of St. Anthony Mary Claret, obtained by Father Aloysius at Vich, Spain during his recent pilgrimage, are available at all Guild meetings for 25¢ each. They are recommended for all members of your family.

PLEASE OBSERVE: Members of all Guilds are requested to try to be in their seats 15 minutes before the scheduled start of each meeting for silent meditation in preparation for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and to pray for success of the meeting. Meetings are started promptly at the time scheduled.

You are urged to invite as many new members as possible to each of our Claretian Missionary Auxiliary Guild Meetings.

June 6
A SPECIAL DATE FOR MAY--MAY 30TH--MARIAN DAY HOUR

In honor of Mary, Queen of the Missions, all Claretian Auxiliary Guild members are invited to attend a Mass at the Provincial Residence on May 30th at 3:00 p.m., Rosary at 2:30 p.m. This Mass will be concelebrated by two Priests of the Philippine Missions, Father Herrera and Father Mitchell. Refreshments will be served. A collection will be taken; the dollars you donate will be used to aid the Missionaries. We hope Father General will be able to be present.

PLEASE PLAN TO COME AND HONOR MARY!

SPECIAL NOTICE: Please note that your second Wednesday and second Saturday Guilds will be held the fourth Wednesday, June 23rd and the fourth Saturday, June 26th this month only. These two Guilds will revert to their normal schedule in July. PLEASE ADVISE YOUR FRIENDS OF THESE IMPORTANT CHANGES.

ST. ANTHONY MARY CLARET MISSION GUILD: First Tuesday, June 1st at 7:30 p.m. followed by refreshments.

MARY'S IMMACULATE HEART GUILD: First Thursday, June 3, 1971 at 9:45 a.m. How great is the love within the Sacred Heart of Jesus for all mankind. Many graces and merits have been promised to those who honor and dedicate themselves to His Heart. We should endeavor not only to increase our own devotion during June, but make a concerted effort to have others do so. Let's not forget to ask special blessings for all clergy and religious. Refreshments available after the services.

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY GUILD: First Saturday, June 5th, at 9:45 a.m. followed by refreshments. We wish to thank all the members who brought cakes, cookies, etc. to May meeting. We make a reasonable profit.

June 21st is Father Aloysius' feast day, so we are asking for donations for his surprise present. Please either give contributions for this to your president at Guild or mail before June 15th to: Mrs. Alta Flocca, 4834 Cheryl Ave., La Crescenta, Ca. 91214.

ST. ANTHONY MARY CLARET GUILD: Meets first Friday, June 4th. Rosary at 9:45 a.m., Holy Mass at 10:00 a.m. followed by luncheon in the dining room.

LAMB OF LOS ANGELES AND ORANGE COUNTIES: This month meets on fourth Saturday, June 26th at 9:45 a.m. Doughnuts and coffee served after the meeting; bring your own sack lunch.

We are asking for volunteers to perform these duties each month; open and close windows, distribute and collect song sheets, fill coffee pots and other related chores.

LAMB OF SAN DIEGO: Third Friday, June 18th, 7:30 p.m. in Holy Spirit Parish Hall: Rosary, Holy Mass, Holy Eucharist and Benediction, Saturday, June 19th, 7:30 p.m., monthly evening of recollection in Holy Spirit Parish Hall.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA GUILD: This month meets on fourth Wednesday, June 23rd, at 7:30 p.m. Please note that in June the Wednesday Guild has been changed to the fourth Wednesday. New members are invited and encouraged to come.

PILGRIMAGE: Dates: August 6th through August 22nd.
Place: Fatima, Portugal
Cost: \$90.00 each way.

Featured will be a Seminar on the Immaculate Heart of Mary. (We have been advised that all the Bishops of the Church have been invited.) More information will be included next month.

PRAYER TAUGHT BY THE ANGEL:--FATIMA 1916-- "My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love You, I implore Your pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love You."

"Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, I adore You profoundly and I offer You the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifference by which He himself is offended. Through the infinite merits of His Most Sacred Heart and those of the Immaculate Heart of Mary I beg of You the conversion of poor sinners."

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS All our deceased members. Also, please remember all our sick members in your prayers.

FEAST DAYS IN JUNE

1st	St. Angela
2nd	Ss. Marcellinus & Peter
3rd	Martyrs of Uganda
5th	St. Boniface
6th	Holy Trinity
10th	St. Margaret of Scotland
11th	St. Barnabas, Apostle
13th	Corpus Christi
14th	St. Basil the Great
18th	Sacred Heart of Jesus
21st	St. Aloysius Gonzaga
22nd	St. Paulinus/Ss. John Fisher & Thomas More
24th	Nativity of St. John the Baptist
29th	Ss. Peter & Paul, Apostles
30th	Protomartyrs of the Roman Church

A REMINDER FOR YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS: Your second Wednesday and second Saturday Guilds (Our Lady of Fatima Guild and Lamb of Los Angeles and Orange Counties) have been changed this month of June. They will be held on the fourth Wednesday and fourth Saturday--that is, June 23rd and June 26th. PLEASE TELL YOUR FRIENDS OF THIS CHANGE!

PLEASE PRAY for Mr. Ken Darrow who passed away recently

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In Reply Please Refer To:

July 11, 1971

Fr. José ^{Maria} Luis Ellacuria, C.M.F.
 Padres Corazonistas
 San Fermín de Aldapa
 Pamplona, Spain

My dear brother,

Many thanks for your greetings for my birthday. Thanks for your information too about your present destination in Pamplona. I like to give you the following news. Very Reverend Father General has passed the visitation and we found him to be very good, very gifted, with the gift of Counsel, with the gift of Discernment of Spirits. Father General has approved heartily my two congregations of men and women. He took personal interest in helping me to establish them. He asked me whether I wanted to have the order for men separate from the Congregation. And I told him No, it will be the same, just with perpetual adoration and the chanting of Divine Office, with some physical labor and obligatory bodily penance, but completely C.M.F. I like to call them Claretian Missionaries of Perpetual Adoration. Dear brother, believe me that God already has provided it with about twenty chosen vocations and with pecuniary help--both to build their monasteries and support them from the revenues of the capital trust fund, promised to me seriously by people and companies with means. How good God is to answer all my prayers "y hasta mis caprichos". Father General wants me to be in Fatima in October where we have to settle all about the foundation for this section of the Claretians of Perpetual Adoration. Father General himself is coming in October for that. I have all my plans, but it is not good that I divulge it too much in public as yet. Do pray for my health that I be able to put both congregations well out on the road to spiritual success.

Now, two questions. How much is our property of Beire worth? Did they examine lately its water? How much will it cost to bring good water in abundance to the property? Likewise, how much is our Orue property worth? Adding Antequena (Antekena) and Artaratz and Langara and Elgetzu properties. What are the prices of each of these properties? Can Ermita de Sta. Lucia be purchased as a public chapel for a monastery and the services of the diocese? Will the communists of the Barrio protest if some Ellacuria buys this place for a Monastery of Perpetual Adoration? Pray for this intention. Pray for Beire and Orue--prospective places of Perpetual Adoration. How happy I would be for all eternity if our birthplace would be transformed into a Heaven on Earth through the Most Blessed Sacrament.



THE BLUE ARMY

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OUR LADY of FATIMA

Washington, New Jersey 07882

"I give my blessing to you and to all your members" - POPE PAUL VI

July 23, 1971

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Mr. Jack Manion
Rancho Santa Fe, Calif. 92067

Dear Jack:

I discussed Father Ellacuria's plan with Father Alonso, the Claretian Father who will be in charge of the Pontevedra project. I was surprised that without hesitation he thought the plan an excellent one and is really in favor of it. So, I suppose this means that without a doubt Father Ellacuria will be able to use the Pontevedra Convent for this project.

So it looks as though something great and glorious will come of it all.

The idea that these men should be trained to work throughout the world for the Blue Army is simply tremendous. And Pontevedra is the right place because it is the spot--the very house--where two of the major apparitions took place, and in particular, the two relating to the establishment of the devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary throughout the world.

Father Ellacuria is fortunate to have a friend like you who can help him with the financial necessities for supporting the men in the Convent. The Blue Army is buying it.

With every best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours,

John M. Haffert

JMH:P



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Both from Father General and Father Provincial of Cantabria and of Portugal I have permission to call Father Manzarraga and Father Jaurrieta to help me with the foundation. No objection on their part. You tell both of them to help me on a cause approved by God, through our highest superior. Father Manzarraga could come eventually and give them lessons in Gregorian Chant. And Father Jaurrieta could learn Portuguese and English and be the spiritual guide towards a genuine Claretian foundation.

Do not go to ~~the~~ missions as yet and have my \$3,000.00 ready to pay some of my debts. Extend my best ~~wishes~~ regards to all the family. Congratulate our nephew, Father Ibarrando, Fr. Juan Luis II, for his being reappointed pastor in San Sebastian. With my best prayers for our sisters and their families. And commending myself to your prayers, particularly in the Holy Mass.

Affectionately in the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

ALONSO To Aloysius FÁTIMA-164

† Buen Suceso, 22.
MADRID.- Spain

JULY - AUG 1971
RE House of Pontevedra

R.P. Luis Ellacuría, cmf.

LOS ANGELES.

Mi querido Padre: estaba esperando alguna indicación de V.R. para declararle todo lo que siento en torno a varios proyectos, todos necesarios para "resucitar" en nuestra Congregación el espíritu de la devoción al Corazón de María.

En primer lugar, la Casa de Pontevedra. Mi intervención ha sido providencial para que no pasara a usos profanos... Pero quedan muchos proyectos por realizar. John Haffert me hizo alguna indicación sobre que Vd. y sus "jóvenes" podrían encargarse de este asunto. Es lo que yo desearía más. Sin embargo advierta que todo lo que hagamos para ello, debe ser llevado en absoluto silencio entre Vd. y mí. Le propongo que tengamos largas conversaciones en su próximo viaje de octubre. Yo estaré, en la primera semana de octubre, en el "SEMINARIO DE LEIRIA" Portugal. Es decir, a veinte Kms. de Fátima.

Por ahora, el asunto está así: El "Ave Maria Institute" (!no John Haffert!) me ha concedido 30.000'00 \$ USA para hacer la primera entrega de una suma total de todo lo que tendremos que comprar en Pontevedra. Yo he hablado con todos los delegados nacionales del BLUE ARMY para que nos ayuden, primero en las obras de reparación del edificio, y más tarde en todo lo que allí pensemos hacer. Como ve la Congregación no ha intervenido para nada, y has no ha querido intervenir... Ahora bien; pasar esa obra del Blue Army a Vds. pienso que se podría hacer; pero habrá que hacerlo con toda la prudencia, por las dificultades que opondrán, tanto los de la Blue Army, cuanto los de la Curia diocesana de Santiago de Compostela. Entiendo que, si Vds. de pronto, entraran pagando el resto de lo que constituyen los terrenos (unos 60.000'00 \$ USA) la cosa se facilitaría grandemente, porque entrarían "como dueños". Lo demás se iría arreglando. ¿Qué es lo que Vd. y sus jóvenes habrían de hacer allí? Esto y otros puntos le trataríamos en nuestra conversación de octubre próximo.

Los demás proyectos están ligados al anterior: espiritualidad cordimariana, publicación de folletos y libros en inglés, español, francés....

Le ruego que venga, pues, preparado en octubre, para hablar largamente sobre todo ello. Yo marchó ahora a Francia, donde tengo conferencias en francés sobre Fátima. Volveré a Madrid, a finales de septiembre, y hacia el 8 de octubre estaré ya en "SEMINARIO DE LEIRIA".

Quiere el Señor que esta carta sea una carta "histórica" para gloria del C. de M. en P. M. 1149.

August 4, 1971

(Muy Rev.) Padre João de Freitas Alves, C.M.F.
Superior Provincial
Provincia Portuguesa
Colegio Universitário Pio XII
Cidade Universitaria
Lisboa

Muy Reverendo y Amado Padre Alves:

Nuestros saludos y gracias. Voy a darle las siguientes noticias. El Reverendísimo Padre General aprobó de corazón el proyecto de la Adoración Perpetua Claretiana en Fatima. Ira el Reverendísimo Padre a Fatima en Octubre. Tambien ire yo a Fatima en Octubre para encontrarme con Vuestra Reverencia y con el Padre General y con el Obispo de Leiria, y con Mr. John Haffert. Una vez hechos los arreglos entre Vuestra Reverencia y el Reverendísimo Padre General y un servidor, le pagaremos a Vuestra Reverencia y a nuestra Provincia Portuguesa todo el valor pecuniario de su inmueble--Noviciado y terrenos en Fatima. Con la aprobación del Padre General, pensamos pagarle a Vuestra Reverencia, todo el coste del edificio y terrenos aya centes de su presente Noviciado, tan pronto como podamos. Hay una compañía financiera en San Diego, California, U.S.A., cuyo director es hijo mio espiritual, que ha investido como unos 300,000.00 dólares Americanos para pagar siquiera parte de la deuda que va a contraer el naciente grupo Claretiano de la Adoración Perpetua al Santísimo Sacramento en Fatima.

Iré yo en Fatima acompañado de unos veinhá juvenes aspirantes para que hagan su año de Noviciado con sus Novicios Portugueses en Fatima. Estos juvenes saran las primicias para proyecto de la Adoración Perpetua. Esta carta va a ser presentada a Vuestra Reverencia por uno de estos aspirantes Claretianos della Adoración Perpetua. Son todos ellos muy escogidos y tienen grandes ideales para ser verdaderamente santos a lo Claret.

Pienso estar como un mes en Fatima para facilitar a mis Aspirantes Americanos en su nueva vida en el Mundo Viejo.

Encomendandome a sus fervorosas oraciones.
De Vuestra Reverencia, af.mo. hermano in Corde Matris,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

August 4, 1971

Reverendo Padre Joaquin Alonso, C.M.F.
Tuy, Pontevedra

Amadísimo Padre:

Felicidades por averle tocado la gran santa lotería del Convento de las Hermanas Doroteas de Tuy, Pontevedra, por la generosidad de Mr. John Haffert tan agradecido a Vuestra Reverencia por sus valiosos trabajos. Considero esto como un extraordinario favor del Inmaculado Corazón de Nuestra Santísima Madre a la Congregación en la dignísima persona de Vuestra Reverencia. Gracias por su invitación para ayudarme en mi proyecto de la Adoración Perpetua Claretiana que intento esta vez en Fatima.

Mi grupo, como unos veinte jóvenes Americanos, va a ir a Fatima en Octubre a prepararse inmediatamente como aspirantes para empezar el Noviciado en la fiesta de la Inmaculado Concepción de Nuestra Divina Madre.

Esperando verle en Octubre.
De Vuestra Reverencia, af.mo. hermano in Corde Matris,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.



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Tuy, Pontevedra

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De Vuestra Reverencia, af.mo. hermano in Corde Matris,

Fr. Aloysius Ellacuria C.M.F.

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

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You will have a special remembrance in the Mssees I am privileged
to offer on Christmas Day. May our Infant Saviour favor you with
His choicest graces on this blessed day and all the days of the New Year

**Remembrance of the Golden Jubilee
Of my Religious Profession as a Claretian Missionary
August 15, 1921 - 1971**

Hail, Mary; Virgin, Mother and Queen,
I consecrate myself thoroughly to thy Immaculate Heart.
For the honor and glory of thy purity, charity and power,
I offer thee my soul and body, my faculties and senses,
All that I am, all that I have.
I plead the perennial intercession of thy spiritual presence
To free me from all evil and to be always docile
To every inspiration of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Holy Mary; Mother of God and my Mother,
Behold thy loving child.
I have placed my complete confidence
In thy Immaculate Heart,
And I shall never be confounded, Amen.

/s/ Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

The picture shown on this card has been blessed for you.
Entitled "Mother of Divine Love," it was an icon greatly
favored by Blessed Anne Marie Taigi. It now presides at
the shrine wherein the holy remains of this Beata are at
rest in a church of the Trinitarian Fathers in Rome.

Imprimi Potest
Very Rev.

Nihil Obstat
Rev.

Imprimatur
Rt. Rev. Timothy Manning
Archbishop of Los Angeles

16 August 1971

Mr. Joseph Langford
Mr. Charles Carpenter
Mr. Robert Beal
Mr. Kenneth Manion
Semanario do Coração de Maria
Fatima, Portugal

My dearly Beloved in the Immaculate Heart of Mary:

Now I envy you these days because you are basking in the heavenly sunshine of the fullest Marian life by the Cova de Iria. You really are most fortunate. When you come back, you will be bubbling with such enthusiasm and even real delirium for Fatima and its meaning. I shall listen intently to all your commentaries, and possibly because of that, change some minor decisions. But our main four-fold decision is made up. It is 1) perpetual adoration to the Blessed Sacrament, praying for the sanctification of all the Claretian family and salvation of the entire world; 2) perpetual veneration of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, ^{Our Blessed Mother} so that, in the end, her Immaculate Heart will triumph over all the enemies of the Church and all be brought to Christ; 3) the daily chanting of the Little Office of the Blessed Mother -- first, for vocations to our semi-contemplative monastery and second, ^{that complexing of the wishes of my Father and} for vocations to the Claretian Congregation all over the world; 4) obligatory bodily penance in atonement, in union with the dolorous passion of Christ and the sorrows of the sorrowful heart of Mary as she appeared in Fatima, by means of perfect obedience in keeping the discipline of the monastery, bodily scourging morning and night, and bodily work, obligatory to all, inside the monastery and on its grounds. These four aims are definite and must remain ever clear in the minds of our chosen group.

About the habit, I'll express my ideas to you when you return. Tentatively, it will be the same habit worn by the Claretians but, possibly, in an off-white or light beige color with the addition of the Scapular of the Immaculate Heart imprinted or embroidered on the cloth. Saint Anthony Mary Claret permitted that his missionaries dress according to the local customs. Fatima, with its semi-tropical climate, invites the light habit. I would also add that the elbow-length cape be without the hood which was part of the habit of monastic orders. Sometimes I fancy that the blue sash would look so Marian. It was suggested by the Founder of our Congregation, but History tells us that Pope Pius IX said, "Recedant Vetera; Nova Sint Omnia." Because we are in Fatima and working for the Blue Army, I still would like to see the blue sash on an off-white habit.

I am anxious to hear from you. Received a card while in the hospital as you were about to embark in New York at Kennedy Airport.

Messrs. Langford, Carpenter, Beal, Manion

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16 August 1971

I am feeling much better. Please pray to the Blessed Mother and little Jacinta and Francisco and to our Father Founder and the Little Flower for a perfect healing of my sick heart. Yesterday, on the Golden Anniversary of my religious profession, I poured out my soul in my Holy Mass, all by myself, praying for so many intentions, but, above all, that, as the Little Flower, I would be a missionary up to the end of time in all parts of the world through our semi-contemplative order and through the Daughters of Saint Anthony Mary Claret. I am sure that God granted my petition.

I bless you most paternally in the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Your Spiritual Father,

Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

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Padre João de Freitas Alves, C.M.F.
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Very Reverend Father Alves:

Thank you so much for your warm and most paternal hospitality to our future "Claretian Missionaries of Perpetual Adoration." When they arrived here in Los Angeles they told me how good you were toward them and that you gave them your full permission to return in October to make their novitiate in Fatima with the other novices of your holy Province of Portugal.

The three young men explained to me that on the seminary grounds a piece of land has been sold. They said that this piece of land is really a part of the rectangular lot next to the seminary. Your Province wants this piece of land that Father Barros said costs about \$10,000.00 (USA) I have ordered to send you \$10,000.00 (US) to purchase this land for your seminary. If more money is needed to purchase this land, we will bring it in October. But buy it yourself at once, before they know that anyone from America will live there. If you have any money left over, please accept it as a gift to the Portuguese Province, for anything you wish.

I am profoundly grateful to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to Saint Anthony Mary Claret, to Father General, and to yourself and your entire Province of Portugal. May this project turn out to be for much glory to God, for the greater sanctification of the entire Claretian Congregation and for the good and salvation of countless souls all over the world. All I say constantly is "Deo gratias et Mariae, semper Deo gratias et Mariae."

Recommending myself to your fervent prayers,
 Fraternally yours, in Corde Matris,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

August 26, 1971

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Padre João de Freitas Alves, C.M.F.
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Très Révérend Père Alves:

Je vous remercie beaucoup pour votre hospitalité si chaude et si paternelle à nos nouveaux "Missionnaires Clarétains de L'Adoration Perpetuelle". Quand ils sont revenus ici, à Los Angeles, ils m'ont dit comment vous avez été si bon pour eux et que vous leur avez donné la permission complète de retourner en Octobre pour faire le Novitiat à Fátima avec les autres novices de votre saint Province de Portugal.

Les trois jeunes hommes m'ont expliqué que l'on a vendu une parcelle de terrain qui est dans la propriété du séminaire Clarétain. Ils m'ont dit que cette parcelle de terrain est justement une partie du terrain avoisinant du Séminaire. Votre Province veut acheter cette parcelle de terrain que le Père Barros a fait évalué le prix vers \$10,000.00 (USA). J'ai dirigé vous envoyer \$10,000.00 (US) pour que vous puissiez acheter cette parcelle de terrain pour votre Séminaire. Le Père Coelho m'a montré la parcelle quand j'étais à Fátima. Si vous aurez besoin de plus d'argent pour acheter le terrain, dites-nous combien, et nous l'apporterons au mois d'Octobre. Mais, il faut, tout d'abord, faire acheter le terrain maintenant, avant qu'on sache que des Américains habiteront là. S'il reste de l'argent, acceptez-le, s'il vous plaît, comme don pour le Province Portugais, pour quelque chose que vous désirez.

Je suis profondément reconnaissant au Coeur Immaculé et à Saint Antoine Marie Claret, au Père General, et à vous-même et votre Province entier de Portugal. Que ce projet rende la gloire la plus grande au bon Dieu, pour la sanctification additionnelle de la Congrégation Clarétaine entière et pour le bien et le salut de nombreuses âmes dans le monde entier. Tout ce que je dis constamment c'est "Deo gratias et Mariae, semper Deo gratias et Mariae."

Encomendandome a sus fervorosas oraciones,
De Vuestra Reverencia, af.mo. hermano in Corde Matris.

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

Aug. 10th letter -- Fatima has received complaints about not answering mail. I have already sent the names of the people who have donated, and an address list in March. But I will begin sending a weekly list of names so that you can acknowledge them right away.

Thankyou for the name and saddress of Mrs. Kay supple in Temple Ci ty, but I have already contacted her.

In reference to Mrs. Leet's letter to Mther Claret Claire thata Fr is not repl,ying to his mail even though people have sent donation and ask for answers to questions. -- Mrs. Leet assured me that in no case did these people send their donations through our Tepmple City address. The people Mrs. LEet knows sent monley directly to Fatima, and they have not received replies I suggested to her that theis may have been before May 10th.

I have already spoken with Mary Predan and did my best to arrange a chareter flight for her. She has ~~xxx~~ since written to tell me she will make her own arrangement to FATima.

Ken Fisher has NOT won a seat in Congress. He did win the primary but he is the underdog in the upcoming election in NOvember.

Concerning Jim Swope -- I can never tell people that Jim was "Shamefully dismissed", for that would arisse their curiosity, and they would want to know why. Also it would further some peoles sckpticism. What I will tell people is that Jim Swope is no longer a member of the congregation, and that Fr. Aloysius has asked that they discontinue correspondence with him. Prudence shoews that this is the best route. People in the past cannot understand why Fr. prohibits correspondence, they maintain that he writes very nice letters, says nothing malicious, etc. I certainly cannot tell Fisher, anthnthing more that that JIm is no longer a member of the Congr. and Fr. wants his friends to discontnue correspondnece. If it is urgent that people stop wrotting Swope, please tell them youself, but it will cause more doubts. Time will pass, and people will forget. Jim Swope has been corresponding more than anyone in Faimta, and people always receive answers to his leteters. this is why they write to him. I have not written to Swope since ~~James Langford~~ word first come from Fatima to distontinue correspondence with him.

Jim Conlan should send Fr. his special shoes in reference to Br. John Rochon's letter of July 17.